

Virgin Islands Small Business Environmental Assistance Program (SBEAP) Holds its First Small Business Award Ceremony

The U. S. Virgin Islands celebrated Small Business Week from June 6-10, 2016. The U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Planning & Natural Resources (DPNR), the Small Business Environmental Assistance Program (SBEAP) in collaboration with the Virgin Island Small Business Development Center (VI SBDC) and the U.S. Small Business Administration held Small Business Awards Ceremonies recognizing small businesses in the territory that have made significant contributions and have shown leadership in reducing environmental impacts.

These small businesses were recognized for their accomplishments in the areas of regulatory compliance, sustainability, advocacy and collaboration. The new VI SBDC State Director Dr. John Osoinach applauded the award recipients. "This year, the Virgin Islands Small Business Development Center took special pride in honoring business leaders, advocates and champions from across the territory who have worked to support economic development in the U.S. Virgin Islands," he said. The SBEAP is presenting the Environmental Stewardship Award to three businesses:

- St. Croix - Mason Auto Body Repair – Ernest Auguste, Owner
- St. John - E-C Service Station – Josephus Williams, Jr., President
- St. Thomas - Budget Super Service Center – Alfonso Rogers, Owner

Commissioner Dawn L. Henry, Esq., was joined by the Honorable Acting Governor Osbert E. Potter, and Jasmine A. Blyden, Program Coordinator for the Virgin Island Small Business Environmental Assistance Program (SBEAP). The SBEAP/SBDC joint Small Business Award Ceremonies were held June 9, 2016 in St. Croix, Virgin Islands and June 10, 2016 in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.



Jasmine Blyden, VI SBEAP, Acting Governor Potter, Aurea Clarke and Ernest Auguste with Mason Auto Body Repair



Jasmine Blyden, VI SBEAP, 3 Reps from E-C Service Station, 3 Reps from Budget Super Service Center and Commissioner Dawn L. Henry, Esq.